

# Minutes of Garlieston Community Council (GCC)

1st October 2013

Members present: Will Hawkins (Chair), Ronnie Huxtable (Vice Chair), John Swift (Secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), George Houston, Chris Rose.

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, & Jim McColm

Apologies: Councillor Graham Nicol, Police

Absent Mel Lochrie, Bobby Maxwell, Wendy Turner.

Members of Public

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## Minutes of previous meeting 3rd September 2013

\* Secretary informed GCC that through a multitude of problems he has had no email contact in or out since 24th September and had missed some calls although these had been traced. Pro tem he would accept the kind invitation of members to use their computer, but wished to inform GCC and D&G Council of situation. He would inform when this changed with a new Broadband address.

\* With correction to Youth and Young Persons' issues, line 6 should read '£800 to cover...' and Harbour Repairs, line 9 should read 'repair work (Barrs) was not employed', agreed Prop: George Houston Sec: Roy Walter.

## Agenda 3.9.2013 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

\* Culderry Row pavement - North end replaced well - rest may be left as condition is acceptable.

\* Bus stop requests - Under consideration.

\* GCC Constitution - Accepted.

\* Winter Resilience Group - Roy Walter reported that he and Wendy Jesson had helped co-ordinate training session for above group and Youth Club, and that at least one representative would attend the Dumfries sessions on 10th October. A training day was probably going to be on 24th October. Reply section passed to Will Hawkins re. booking place and free transport for 10.10. 13.

\* Wigtown meeting - re. Broadband, Refuse collection and CCES summarised by Ronnie Huxtable.

\* Alastair Speedie presented new refuse collection system - various objections were made from the floor, and GCC decided to invite him to present the scheme to the village. It was pointed out that he had already ignored two earlier requests to attend (concerning the car park and the harbour repair quality, and GCC decided to make a formal complaint to Judex.Paul@dumgal.gov.uk

**Police Business:** Officer left report with Chair - no reported problems and nothing had been brought to GCC..

**Public Forum:** Nothing raised.

**Presentation** None.

## Youth and Young Persons Issues

\* Suzy Bailey reported that club was proceeding well with c. 24 regular members, youth workers had a new smart uniform and various new materials had been received. Discussion centred around winter provision - heaters/ cooking facilities in event of an electricity cut., and fund raising and application for grants. A. Geddes made several suggestions to assist Youth Club. Monies from GCC clarified (see correction in Minutes of 3.9.13 above).

\* Hall availability and improvement - advised to contact Karen Brownlee on all matters about village halls, including availability and structural faults. Yet to be done.

## DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

\* Eggerness Road problems - reply not helpful, interim patching for large holes and improvement next financial year. GCC recommended to insist that emergency repairs would over-ride this response.

\* Burnside Lane lighting - J. Ferrol replied and said that the matter would have to be decided above his jurisdiction and would reply a s a p.

\* Harbour - see Agenda below.

**Planning:** The building site on Mill Road site had occasioned arguments that elected councillors were getting involved in operational matters, to which they argued that all issues raised with them were properly followed through. A deadline had been sent to land owner/developers of 14th October to remedy safety and security of site

## Harbour:

\* Harbour regulations - asked for clarification of different readings of speed restrictions /safety from Graeme Alison - no reply.

\* Harbour Repairs - invited A. Haswel, A. Speedie and Bob Barker and others to arrange a site visit with GCC and others to inspect the quality of repairs - no reply.

- \* GCC disgusted at lack of responses to these matters.
- \* Harbour 'sale of subjects' - No further information.

**Safer Route to School and Traffic Management:** - Nothing raised

**Coastal Protection:**

Since D. Cline's helpful visit, some minor repairs had been made, but it was unclear whether these derived from his visit or had been made by members of public independently.

**Councillor's business:** Informed that Superfast Broadband would cover 95% of Galloway area would be covered by 2015.

**Correspondence:**

IN - Winter Resilience Event - 10.10.13 Dumfries free transport and refreshments either 1 - 4.30 or 5 - 8.30; CCES information and contact numbers; Community Council surveys and consultation results for D&G; Litter Free for Scotland information. Pro - re 4th Periodic Review; Protecting Local Heritage - all day event at Lithlingow on 5th November (clashes with next GCC meeting).

OUT - Colin Forbes - Eggerness Road 5.9.13; G Alison - harbour 5.9.13; A, Haswel - Harbour 5.9.13; J Ferrol - Burnside Lane lighting 5.9.13; H. Thomson - bus stop signs 5.9.13; S, Armstrong - Constitution 5.9.13.

**Treasurer's Report -**

As before but new figured to be presented at next meeting to show money given to Youth Club and Hall fees and any other matters.

**Any Other Business:**

\* Wigtown Chamber of Commerce/Chris Rose about plans to develop marine coastal area of Solway. C.R, to attend on 17 October at Gatehouse of Fleet.

\* Commemorative Bench - Roy Walter stated that seat in memory of Jacquie Swift was now ready, and John Swift had collected the plaque for the seat. Hoped to have it erected as soon as time allowed.

**DONM:** Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7.15 pm.

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